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SUBJ: PRELIMINARY CROP PROJECTS FOR SENEGAL

MONROVIA FOR AGATT, DEPT FOR AF/W

FOLLOWING AID MESSAGE IN AFDROUGHT SERIES REPEATED FYI:

1. THREE FIELD TRIPS WITHIN LAST TEN DAYS BY RLPO
AND RFFPO ACROSS CENTRAL BELT OF SENEGAL, AND DIOURBEL
AND CASAMANCAIREGIONS INDICATE THE FOLLOWING:

EARLY PLANTED MILLET, MAIZE, SORGHUM AND PEANUTS ARE
TOWARD ADVANCED STAGE OF GROWTH, AS RESULT OF ABUNDANT
AND TIMELY RAINFALL. GOOD HARVEST ASSURED FROM EARLY
PLANTED CROPS. VERY MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN APPEARANCE
OF ALMOST ENTIRE COUNTRYSIDE IN PAST 6 WEEKS. RAINS
RATHER GENERAL AT THIS TIME. ENOUGH MOISTURE IN SOIL
TO PRODUCE FAIR CROP OF GRAIN FROM LATER PLANTINGS,
EVEN IF NO MORE RAIN FALLS. PROSPECTS FOR RICE HARVEST
IN SOUTHERN SENEGAL ARE EXCELLENT. RANGE LANDS HAVE
MADE GOOD RECOVERY. ANNUAL GRASSES IN FARMING AREAS
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ARE LUSH. CATTLE HAVE IMPROVED IMMEASURABLY. LARGE

HERDS OF CATTLE WERE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT NORTHERN
AREAS VISITED AND THERE WERE NO RECENT CARCASSES. BOTH
US SORGHUM (SACKS MARKED 3050) AND EEC CORN SEEN IN
SIGNIFICANT QUANTITY IN MARKET IN DIOURBEL REGION.
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